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The "Suffragette" week is again a very unimpaired organ of militancy. At the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union in Kingsway there is also an atmosphere of dejection. The stream of funds is rapidly drying up, and the "Campaign throughout the country" column in the "Suffragette" is indicative of woe.

Bermudez: More could be done if more money was forthcoming.
Camberwell: Funds much needed.
Croydon: Money much needed.
Hamstead: A great deal more money needed.
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Birmingham: Will members please send subscriptions?
Doncaster: Members are urged to help in various money-raising schemes being arranged.
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Cambridge: Shilling fund opened.
Apparently Miss Christabel Pankhurst is afraid that the French Government may take action for an article appears on "Political Refugees," which concludes:

The right of asylum has always been granted by England to political refugees, French and otherwise. Henri Rochefort, Louise Michel, Victor Hugo, Prince Kropotkin, Stepaniak - these are but a few out of many. In France going to deny that right to English political agitators? We cannot think so; but, if the rumors now being circulated have any foundation, then we can only trust that the degree of expulsion will be made equally applicable to refugees of all countries and of both sexes. Mr. Rodkin is asked to note that the W.S.P.U. has received about £20 as a protest against his speech. In the list of contributions are three for £1 and one for £2.

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French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Doriet
French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville

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French destroyer	360	7	393	Lieut. Aurillac
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German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vanselow
German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke
German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann
German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Mörsberger
German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Frlie
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German torpedo-boat	400	8	6500	Capt. Lieut. Bornenberg
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Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Comdr. Bonini Piccardi
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U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. F. J. Fletchur
U. S. protected cruiser	3183	11	10,000	Comdr. S. S. Robinson
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. R. H. Green
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U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. G. O. Dickman
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THE EMERGING CHINAMAN.

(Continued from page 4.)

Among the people there is a sense of freedom which is not always met abroad. The proletariat says that the Manchus have gone; they will point you to their own Yuen Shih Kai, their own Li Yuan Hung, their own Sun Yat Sen—real Chinese who now have the power to rule. In the Chinese atmosphere there is a sense of elation at the change that the establishment of the Republic has brought. But whilst the people call out loudly about this or that feature of the new rule, it is not for a moment meant that they understand what they are calling out about. But, still, they are encouraged to do it—and it may be that they will learn in this way. Many strip-lings, who have had a year or two in America or Europe or Japan, are often sent out as officials into interior places. They have no idea of ruling justly—because some of them should themselves be still at school. And so it is rightly said that such new rule in China means that the Republic serves the people worse than the old regime did. In some provinces right through to Kansu and Tibet, right through to Szechuen and Yunnan, there is anarchy and murder and bloodshed and robbery, and all the evils that could have been sent to the people as a chastisement by the gods whom the Chinese have worshipped for 40 centuries. In other provinces there is peace.

HOW WILL CHINA EMERGE?

In some parts there is lawlessness, in other absolute order reigns, and progress runs apace. There is real advance in some areas; terrible retrogression in others. Reform and genuine desire to go ahead, stagnation and utter official hopelessness.

In such conditions it is easy to see, when one takes into consideration the size of the country and the widely varying conditions of life among the people, that writers find it impossible to agree. In one area one writer declares that China is now on her last legs; another, looking at life from another angle, in another area, sees nothing but progression and nation uplifting.

But, however much they disagree upon its effects, one and all are agreed about the change—for the better or worse, the next year or two alone can probably determine.

What I have written deals only with the common millions of Chinese at home and in different parts of the East. It does not touch the Governmental outlook, of course; it does not deal with the wobbly condition of finance, which, after all, is the very life of a nation in this age. It will merely show that the establishment of China has worked a tremendous change on the face of the people, and in subsequent articles for "The Daily Chronicle" I hope to investigate the changed thought of the nation, for which the Republic is responsible.

For the man who knows his China best, must admit that, no matter how much there may be in the change that we do not admire, and which we feel is making for national destruction, the Chinese as a people at no part of their history have shown such independence of thought and action as characterizes their national life at its present juncture. But this very freedom to think and in large measure act as they please may even yet to their undoing—Edwin J. Dingle in the London "Daily Chronicle."

COLONEL'S WIFE FOUND SHOT.

Physical torture due to headaches was the cause of the suicide of Mrs. Lillian M. Evans-Lomb, the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. B. Evans-Lomb, of the Leinster Regiment, who was found shot dead in her bedroom recently at Penryn, near London.

Mrs. Evans-Lomb had suffered from sunstroke in 1906 and was invalided home from India. Two years later when she rejoined her husband, who was stationed with his regiment in India, she was attacked with malaria fever. Following this she suffered a mental breakdown, and eventually was compelled to return again to England.

Since then, it was stated at the inquest on Monday, she had suffered greatly from headaches but was invariably cheery. As the result of the pain his wife was very depressed stated Colonel Evans-Lomb. On Sunday morning she begged him to go to church with her cousin who was staying with him. While at church he received a message to return home; and found his wife dead in bed holding a pistol he had purchased for her in India. Death was caused by a wound in the temple.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide while insane from Physical Torture, and expressed deep sympathy with the relatives.

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DUKE'S CLAIM FOR £43,000.

The Duke of Devonshire's claim for upwards of £43,000 in respect of easements in Chatsworth Park, by the laying of pipes for carrying water for the supply of Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester, again came before the Court of Arbitration, which sat at the Surveyors' Institute, Westminster. The claim was against the Dorset Valley Water Board, who admitted liability to the extent of £5,801.

The first witness on behalf of the Board, Mr. E. Holmes, of Sheffield, surveyor to the Board, continued his evidence. Examined with regard to his estimate of the amount due to the Duke, he stated that he considered 10s. per lineal yard for the easement through the park, and 6s. per yard for the easement through the agricultural land were fair and reasonable sums, and those sums he had provided for in the estimate.

In his subsequent evidence the witness said that so far from damage having been done, improvements had been effected to the estate. In consideration of the inconvenience to the occupier of Chatsworth House, he had put down £2,000. The total amount of compensation—£5,801—he considered a fair and reasonable sum.

In cross-examination by Mr. Balfour Browne the witness said he had heard that as many as 70,000 people had visited Chatsworth in a year.

Mr. Balfour Browne: The contents of the house are worth an enormous sum of money. Remember, I remember at the time of the late Duke's death this was kept as practically a museum for the public, and yet death duties were charged on these curios inside the house.

MEMORIES OF WAGNER.

Mr. Moscheles saw Wagner at Madame Viardot's house in Paris, one of many celebrities (Ary Scheffer, Turgenev, Saint-Saëns, were among them) whom he met there, says the "Manchester Guardian." He had with him his manuscript score of "Tristan und Isolde," and Madame Viardot was at the piano reading it at sight and mastering its intricacies.

Wagner stood by her side turning the leaves, and occasionally breaking in with a word or two. "N'est ce pas, Madame," he said, "created away by the grandeur of his own creation. 'N'est ce pas, Madame'?" Moscheles explained that Wagner spoke French with a noticeable Saxon accent, to the confusion of his "a's" and "b's."

He remembers the excitement in artist Paris at the time of the first production of "Tristan und Isolde," the hostile criticisms aroused. "He is vague, he operates the nerves," was the verdict of the hostess, a lady of grand spirit, at a literary and artistic dinner-party.

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Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut—Mei Lung 1 1/2	lb 13
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" Roast—Shiu	18
" Breast—Nga Lam 1/2	12
" Soup—Tong Yuk	13
" Steak—Nga Yuk Pa	18
" Sirloin Coton—Nga Lau	23
" Sausages—Nga Cheung	20
Gullock's Brains—Know	per set 10
" Tongue Fresh—Nga Li	each 45
" Corned—Ham Ngau 1/2	50
" Head—Nga Tan	12
" Heart—Nga Sun	12
" Hump, Salt—Nga Kio	15
" Salt	18
" Feet—Nga Kark	each 8
" Kidneys—Nga Yia	10
" Tail—Nga Mei	18
" Liver—Nga Kon	11 1/2

" Tripo (undressed)—Nga To	6
Calve Head & Feet—Nga-chai-tan-kark, set	41
Mutton Chop—Young Pui Kwat	1b 25
" Leg—Young Pui	25
" Shoulder—Young Pui	29
Pigs Chittings—Chu Chong	27
" Brains—Chu Know	per set 10
" Feet—Chu Kark	1b 18
" Chu Chai	3
" Head—Chu Tan	18
" Heart—Chu Sun	each 10
" Kidneys—Chu Yiu	8
" Liver—Chu Con	1b 24
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	23
" Leg—Chu Pui	27
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	30
" Chu Trap Pig's Fry	30
Sheep Head & Feet—Young Pui Kark set	65
" Heart—Young Sun	each 7
" Kidneys—Young Yiu	1b 25
" Liver—Young Con	1b 25
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	22
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	19
50lb Mutton—Sang Young Yau	28
Veal—Nga Chai Yuk	18
" Sausages—Nga Chai Cheung	18

Poultry:

Chicken—Kai Chai	36
Capeona, Large, mall—Sin Kai	34
Ducks—Ap	27
Doves—Pan Kau	20
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	20
Fowls, Canton—Kai	38
" Hainan—Hoi Nam	38
" Ngau Kai	24
Goose, Wild—Shang-ho Yau Ngai pair	each 1
" Duck—Wong Kong	each 1
" Lark, Shanghai—Yu Chai	1
" Partridge—Che Khoo	1
" Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair 1
" Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each 34
" Hoikow—Hoi How Pak Kap	26
" Quail—Um Chan	27
" Rice Birds—Wo Fa Chour	dozen 1
" Snipe—Sa Choy	each 1
" Turkey's Foot—Fhor Kai Kang	h. 65
" Hen	Na 45
Wild Ducks, Shanghai—Shang-hoi Sai Ap	1
Teal—Sui Ap Chai	1
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Barbel—Ka Yu	24
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Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Fin Yu	18
Carp—Li Yu	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	10
Codfish—Alan Yu	16
Crabs—H	16
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	18
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	17
Dace—Wong Mei Lam	10
Dog Fish—Tio To Sa	10
Cele. Gong—Hoi Mana	1
" Fresh water—Tam Si Y	20
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	32
Frogs—Tien Kai	32
Garoupa—Sek Pan	56
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	12
Harrings—Tio Pak	22
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	24
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	22
Loach—Wa Yu	28
Loislers—Lung Ha	26
Monkfish—Chi Yu	14
Moat Fish—Mang Yu	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	20
Oysters—San Co	18
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	16
Pike—Tan Loo	18
Pike—Fa Paw Fong	8
Plaice—Pan Yu	20
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	20
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	32
Prawns—Ming a	40
Ray—Pai Pa Sa	8
Rock Fish—Sok Ka Kung	16
Roach—Chan Yu	10

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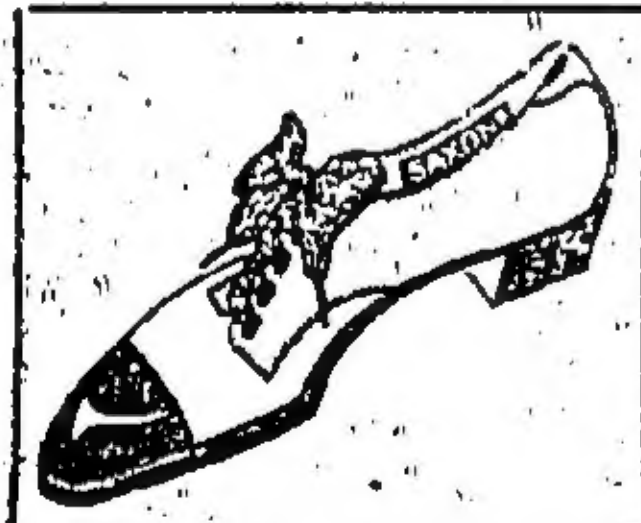
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the perfection of these adaptations and the beauty of their skill, strength, and movement must strike anyone who has ever watched their flight. Some less advanced animals have only learnt to glide, and are now in the same stage of development as the Wrights were a few years ago. Perhaps these gliders developed more slowly, or perhaps only began to learn the art many ages after birds had learnt to fly. A few plants also have developed wings to their seeds, so that they can glide away to more suitable places for germination and growth. In the opinion of biologists, birds, bats, fishes and insects all learnt to fly independently; inheritance from a common stock played no part in their development. There are no large flying animals now, and the great majority in existence are extremely small. These insects would lead us to expect difficulty in marking a very large aeroplane, and theoretical considerations confirm this view. The ostrich, the largest existing bird, standing 8 ft. high, has no power of flight; nor had the moa of New Zealand (now extinct), standing 12 ft. high. It is probable, however, that both had flying ancestors. The only vertebrate animals which developed flight during fossil times were Pterodactyls. The largest of these had a body a little larger than a swan, and a span of wings of over 22 ft. This is less than the smallest aeroplane, but large compared to an albatross, the span of whose wings is over 11 ft., probably exceeding that of any other bird. The whole family of Pterodactyls have long ago become extinct.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Six further cases of bubonic plague are reported in today's return.

Some of the persons injured in the house collapse on Saturday have been discharged from hospital.

Before Mr. H. Zoland at the Magistrate's Court today a boy was charged with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of sugar. A fine of \$10 or one month was imposed.

In connection with the advertisement appearing on page 7 of our paper to-night, Mr. H. T. O'Sullivan, representing the Oliver Import and Export Co., is staying at the Hongkong Hotel and any communications should be addressed to him there.

Mario Giuliano, aged 29, who was formerly a leather merchant's manager at Hankow, committed suicide in Trafalgar Square recently by shooting himself. The deceased had been out of employment and in financial straits, and had also worried about the suicide of his father three or four years ago.

The draft of an enactment to make better provision for a guarantee fund with regard to security is to be furnished by public officers in printed in the F.M.S. Government Gazette. The measure is in harmony, so far as differences of system permit, with the analogous ordinance of the Straits Settlements, says the "Straits Times".

Dr. Wu Lien teh, who recently left by the Siberian route, has been appointed joint representative for China with Yen Hui-ching at the forthcoming opium conference at The Hague, after which he attends the International Medical Conference in London at which he will read a paper on the Manchurian Plague.

The Japanese battle cruiser Kongo, which has been built at the Vickers Works in England, and the satisfactory trials of which have been reported by cable will sail from Plymouth on August 23 via St. Vincent, reaching Simon's Bay on September 27. She will then proceed to Port Natal, whence she sails on October 5 for Singapore, which should be reached on October 21. A week's stay will be made there, and the vessel is expected to drop anchor at Yokosuka on November 7.

Nearly a hundred people took part in the Mixed Whist Drive at the Sergeant's Mess, D. O. L. I., at Murray Barracks last night. Q.M. Sgt. Clarke was the M. C. and an enjoyable evening was spent. Q.M. Sgt. Elliott presented the prizes to: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Elliott; 2nd, Mrs. Murphy; 3rd, Mrs. May; Hidden number, Mrs. Wilson; Boppy prize, Mrs. Tuck. Gent's, 1st, Sgt. Clarke, D.O.L.I.; 2nd, Master Gunner Fuller, R.G.A.; 3rd, Master Gunner May, R.G.A.; 4th, Sgt. White, R.M.L.I.; Hidden number, Q.M. Sgt. Elliott, D.O.L.I.; Boppy prize, Mr. Hever.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

For cutting grass at West End Park a woman was fined \$5 or fourteen days by Mr. Hazland at the Magistrate's Court today.

A woman was collecting loose stones on a hillside, when a large stone became dislodged and broke her leg. She was taken to hospital.

The dead body of a child aged six years has been recovered from Shaikwan harbour. The deceased fell overboard from a fishing junk.

A Chinese girl about ten years of age fell into the harbour from a fishing junk at China Merchants' Wharf yesterday and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

A Chinese fell from the verandah of the first floor of 30, Tai Yuen Street, yesterday. He was taken to hospital, where his injuries were found to be of a slight character.

A Chinese woman aged 55 fell into the harbour from her boat after collision with a steam launch. She was taken out of the water by the crew, but she was found to be dead.

An Indian, hardyman employed at a farm in Kowloon City was charged before Mr. Hazland to-day with allowing a number of bullocks to stray on to a Government plantation, causing damage to young pine trees. Defendant was fined \$10.

Among the witnesses who gave evidence in a case at Criminal Sessions this morning was a Chinese woman eighty-six years of age. Remarkably hale for her years she caused much amusement by the way she gave her evidence. The Chief Justice who was as much amused as anybody, congratulated the witness upon the way she bore her years, and expressed the hope that she would live to be 90. Her wrinkled face reflecting the merriment which her position apparently afforded her throughout her short stay in the witness-box, the ancient dame thanked his Lordship but thought that if she lived so long she would be too old.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Tom Wright is now on his way to England where he means to "free lance" in Fleet Street.

Mr. Harry Thomas Jones has filed his petition to be admitted as advocate and solicitor of the courts in the Straits Settlements.

Lieut. ant F. D. Hitchcock, R. O. A., formerly of the Hongkong Garrison, has been transferred from 30th Company at Weymouth to 110th Heavy Battery, R. G. A., at Farnham.

China has in recent times been responsible for the consumption of more ink and paper than perhaps any other one subject that has occupied the attention of the world's writers. On can scarcely turn the pages of any journal without finding some reference to the absorbing topic of the Celestial Empire, its past and its future, and the tide of criticism and prophecy grows apace.—Straits Times.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on June 4, at St. George's Church, Penang, the contracting parties, being Mr. James Crab-Watt, acting Solicitor General and Miss Katherine May Upcott, daughter of Mr. Charles John Upcott, of Marylebone, London. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. M. J. Upcott, barrister, of Singapore; and the bridegroom was attended by Mr. F. J. Farley, President of the Singapore Municipality, as best man. The service which was conducted by Rev. F. G. Swindell, was choral. Mr. W. A. Ward presiding at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Crab-Watt are spending their honeymoon at the Convalescent Bungalow, Government Hill.

SOLDIERS AND THE SUN.

An Unfortunate Bathing Party.
TWELVE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

A large number of the 88th Company, R.G.A., took part in a picnic to Repulse Bay yesterday. A start was made about 11 a.m. the troops proceeding by road, "go as you please" being the order. A launch was engaged to take the men's lifelines and tea, the former being served on the beach and the latter on the launch when returning home.

Major C. G. Pritchard, Commanding 88th Company, Captains Bromley and Matthews, Lieut. and Adj. Garwood and other officers were with the party.

Bathing was the chief amusement, and it was, unfortunately, attended with rather disastrous consequences. The sun being so hot, many of the men remained in the water for a long time. This caused several of them to be so severely sunburnt and apparently otherwise affected by the sun that a number of them were ill on returning home. No fewer than twelve were admitted to hospital, all more or less feverish.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months mothers should watch for any untoward loosening of the child's bowels. When given prompt attention at this time, serious troubles may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The June Criminal Sessions were continued this morning at the Supreme Court.

JURY ROOMS.

Before the Police Judge, in the Second Court Room, a young man, was charged with committing a robbery on a junk at Shaikwan with other persons not in custody. He pleaded not guilty. The Crown Solicitor, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, prosecuted.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. James Waldron (foreman), L. G. Rodrigues, B. A. Stanford, A. McDougall, H. G. J. Schmidt, B. J. Spittles, and H. Hartman.

The Crown Solicitor said the robbery was committed at nine o'clock on the evening of May 12. All the crew of the junk except one went ashore and at 9 o'clock four men went aboard, attacked him, tied him up, and stole \$90. The junk man was eventually released by a boatman from another junk. Two days later the man who was attacked on the junk was walking in Shaikwan when he met the prisoner, who he said was one of the robbers. He stopped him and invited him on board the junk, telling him that if he did not go he would be given by charge. It might seem rather curious that prisoner should have complied with the complainant's request, but apparently he was coerced, with the view perhaps, as the prisoner thought, of getting off altogether. Prisoner was kept on board till next day, when he was given in charge. At the charge room, prisoner made a statement in which he admitted that he went to rob the junk and that he got \$1.00 as his share of the proceeds. Afterwards he told the police that he was forced by the people on the junk to make a confession.

The jury found the prisoner not guilty, and he was accordingly discharged.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

The Attorney-General informed the Chief Justice that in the case in which a man named Joseph was charged with fraud he had decided to enter a nolle prosequi. He had come to the conclusion that the matter was more one of account.

THE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

The hearing was continued of a case in the First Court, before the Chief Justice, in which a Chinese man and woman were charged with the abduction, procurement and, in the case of the man, selling of a Chinese girl seventeen years of age by Chinese reckoning, and fifteen by English reckoning.

After the jury had retired several times and had been on each occasion instructed by his Lordship they found both prisoners guilty on one count, and they were sentenced to two years' imprisonment each.

ACQUITTED.

Li On was charged with committing an armed robbery at Shaikwan on May 12, with two other persons, unknown. He pleaded not guilty.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who appeared to prosecute, said he did not propose to offer any evidence.

The jury returned a formal verdict of not guilty and the prisoner was discharged.

DETAINING CHILDREN.

Leung Sing and a woman named Li Yee were charged with detaining two Chinese boys aged five and six years respectively stolen from Chinese territory. They pleaded not guilty.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who prosecuted, stated that the offences alleged against the prisoners were more serious than if the stolen children had been girls because their parents were deprived of heirs to their families to carry on ancestor worship, which was such an important element in Chinese beliefs. The children were stolen from a village in Chinese territory in an armed robbery in March and were discovered in May in Hongkong in the custody of the prisoners.

The case was proceeding when we went to press.

THE TAI ON PIRACY.

Lit Cho, alias Chan U, a young man, was charged on three counts with assisting in the piracy of the British steamer Tai On on April 2nd, and with receiving a gold watch stolen in the piracy, the property of Miss Quik, a missionary. Prisoner pleaded not guilty to each charge.

The Attorney-General, Hon. J. A. S. Buckmill, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. R. A. F. Duide, B. R. Barrow, Arthur Walsley, V. A. Pinna, H. P. Thomas, A. R. Buchmann and Keel Loring.

The Attorney-General briefly outlined the circumstances of the piracy and said the prisoner made a statement after his arrest in Yauwatt in which he practically admitted that he was on the ship and that the watch was stolen there and given to him to take to the warehouse of another man. The prisoner also admitted that certain money was given to him to bring to Hongkong. He thought the jury would come to the conclusion that prisoner not only received the property but also actually assisted in the piracy. The case was proceeding when we went to press.

AN ARREST JURY.

The second jury had today morning yesterday afternoon owing to the absence of one of the jurors, they not being sufficient present to form a panel. When the names were called Mr. Hans Ludwig Beyer, of Messrs. Roze and Co., failed to answer, and it was ascertained that he had gone to Canton; whether the witnesses had come to his notice was not known.

LOCAL NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

The "Tamar" To Be Replaced.

H.M.S. Triumph will leave England at the end of August with the relief crews for the Rosario and the Merlin. H.M.S. Triumph will then replace the Tamar as Receiving Ship at Hongkong.

H.M.S. Yarmouth will leave the Mediterranean Station in August to relieve H.M.S. Flora on the China Station, meeting her at Colombo. H.M.S. Flora will proceed home to pay off.

H.M.S. Monmouth will then proceed direct to the West Indies to join the Fourth Cruiser Squadron.

SPORTING.

Bullfights.

Some disappointment was evinced at the Soldiers' Club last night when Bombr. Baneroff, 87th Coy., R.G.A., failed to turn up to play L.V. Cpl. Brown, R.E., in the last game of the match between these teams. The R.E. having already made a certain of the match, this made no difference to the result, but the spectators were rightly aggrieved.

The remaining semi-final was then commenced. Gunner Campbell, 83rd Coy., R.G.A. engaged L.V. Cpl. Poland, Staff and Departmentals. Campbell obtained a good lead at the outset, scoring 50 to 22 and 100 to 50. Poland, however, made better progress later and at the 15th mark was but 28 points behind. The game ended in an exciting fashion, both players being 189 when Poland, apparently absent-mindedly, gave a safety nine and the game away Campbell winning by one point. Breaks, Campbell, 14, 12, 10, Poland, 17, 14, 13, 12, 10. Scores: Gunner Campbell, 200; L.V. Cpl. Poland, 190.

The second game was between Gunner Goodwin, 83rd Coy., R.G.A., and Staff Sergt. Worswick, Staff and Departmentals. Goodwin made a splendid start and compiled a lovely break of 34, the scores reading 89 to 39 in his favour. Worswick played the more consistent game and compiled a large number of useful breaks, leading at the 100 by 3 points. Goodwin now played poorly and was well beaten at the finish by 37 points. Breaks, Worswick, 19, 16, 16, 12, 11, 11, 10. Goodwin, 34, 16, 12. Scores: Staff Sergt. Worswick, 200; Gunner Goodwin, 183.

This match will be resumed at the Soldiers' Club to-night. The Staff and Departmentals lead by 36 points, the scores being: Staff and Departmentals, 399; 83rd Coy., R.G.A., 353.

Water Polo.

TWO-THIRD MATCHES.

Two matches in the water polo shield competition were played last evening at the V.R.C. bath, the D.O.L.I. beating the R.G.A. by two goals to one, and the V.R.C. defeating the B.O.C. by the only goal scored. The matches were watched by a fairly large number of spectators.

D.O.L.I. v. R.G.A.

The teams were: D. O. L. I.—Ward, Morry, Farmer, Baldwin, Withers, Cusell and Cook. R. G. A.—Colmer, Potts, Falconbridge, Burr, Crawford, Court and Trptr. Paeon.

The gunners set the pace at the start, and after the Cornwall's goals had been thrice tested Crawford took advantage of a nice pass from Bacon to open the score. At the other end Withers just missed, and for some time afterwards the infantrymen pressed but found the opposing defense in good form. Bacon broke away, but shot wide when a goal seemed certain, and at the interval the gunners led by the only goal scored.

The gunners attacked on resuming, but the Cornwall's put up a good defence. Then the D.O.L.I. had a turn, and Cassell managed on two occasions to penetrate the R.G.A. defence. His first goal was appraised against, but was allowed and the D.O.L.I. thus won by two goals to one.

V.R.C. v. B.O.C.

Teams.—V.R.C. J. Forbes, R. C. Witchesell, A. V. Barros, A. R. Claxton, J. M. Pereira, A. S. Ellis and F. Finch. B.O.C.—N. L. Bailton, R. A. Carvalho, F. L. Roza, L. Souza, A. R. Ellis, G. Witchesell.

The V.R.C. made the pace, but were closely watched, their opponents taking up chances. Bailton in goal was called upon early in the game, and successfully dealt with a shot from Finch. Soon afterwards Finch came out first in a race with Carvalho for the ball, and sent in a clever shot which Bailton successfully tried to fist out. Before the interval Ellis came near increasing the V.R.C. score but his shot was just a little high. The B.O.C. tried after the interval, but were rather unlucky. G. Witchesell shot right across the goal mouth and a fast shot from Souza was stopped by Forbes. Before the end the B.O.C. goal passed through an anxious period, shots hitting the uprights and cross-bar without going in.

Lawn Bowls Championship.

The first match of the season to the open championship competition was played at the Kowloon Club last evening when A. Ramsay, Kowloon beat R. Duncan, Oiliv Service, by 21 points to 18. Ramsay drew the winning shot when his opponent lay game.

THE WEATHER IN 1912.

Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, in his yearly report to the Legislative Council makes the following observations upon the weather of 1912:

The year was characterized by a temperature 2 deg. 8 below normal in January and from 1 deg. to 2 deg. above from May to August. In the autumn the temperature was slightly below normal. The maximum, 91 deg. 3, occurred on September 10, and the minimum, 43 deg. 3, on December 28. The rainfall was above normal from January to March, and in August and December. In the remaining months it was below normal. A somewhat serious drought occurred from September 20 to November 27; only 0.03 inch of rain falling in this interval. (0.10 inch on October 7, 0.005 inch on October 20, and 0.003 inch on November 15.) The total rainfall for the year was 63.635 inches against an average of 84.438 inches.

The Colony was not visited by a typhoon during the year, though five passed within 300 miles. The strongest typhoon wind, 43 m.p.h., occurred on September 5, with the centre of the typhoon 150 miles to south-westward. On March 13, the N.E. monsoon attained a velocity of 46 m.p.h.

Fifteen typhoons and thirty-five less intense depressions occurred in the Far East in the year 1912.

An accompanying table shows that the Observatory 63,635 inches of rain were recorded, at the Tsepo Police station 64,400, and at the Botanical Gardens, Hongkong, 67,270 in.

HONGKONG'S TIME SERVICE.

Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Hongkong Observatory, writes as follows upon the local time service in his annual report, which was submitted to the Legislative Council on Thursday last:

In February a proposal was submitted to Government for an improved time service, including an hourly signal to the Post Office for distribution to the various offices, etc., at a nominal charge. Before any action was taken in the matter, however, the manager of the China and Japan Telephone Company applied for a daily time signal to correct a recently imported electric transmitter with which he proposed to drive half-minute disks at various points in the Colony. On the recommendation of the Director this application was approved, and in the month of December the Telephone Company laid an underground cable for this service from the Observatory to the telephone cable which connects Hongkong with Kowloon, and also re-modelled and re-wired the entire time service according to specification. The new system was brought into use on December 20.

Since the beginning of the year 1913 the time ball on Blackhead Hill has been dropped on Sundays and Government holidays as well as on work days, at 12h. Hongkong standard time (G.M.T.), arrangements having been made with the Harbour Master to have the ball hoisted by the light keeper stationed on the hill. The time ball was dropped successfully 300 times in the year 1912. It failed on one occasion, December 16, owing to a break in the wire from the clock to the relay, which occurred after the noon test. The ball was not hoisted on March 15 and May 15 owing to gales. It fell with an error of 0.67 or less, on 277 occasions, with an error of 0.4 or 0.5 on 50 occasions, with an error of 0.6 or 0.7 on 4 occasions. Errors of 0.3, 0.2, 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2 occurred once. The probable error varied from plus and minus 0.25 in January to plus and minus 0.11 in May.

At the request of the manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway a time-signal has been sent to the railway station at 9.45 daily, since November 14. A time-signal is also telegraphed daily at 9 o'clock to the office of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company in Hongkong, and occasionally a special 9 a.m. signal is transmitted to Labuan.

THE TYPIST AND THE "BOMB."

A typist in one of our city offices (says the "Glasgow News") was surprised to notice the other members of the staff continually casting uneasy glances in her direction. Unable to bear it any longer, she boldly asked if her hair was coming down or what. "No," said one of the clerks; "but there's a brown paper parcel ticking on the boss's table that wasn't there till you came back from lunch. If it's a clock it's all right, but if it's a bomb—" Then the mystery was explained. Her employer had asked the typist to call at a watchmaker's for a small clock which had been undergoing repair. The staff resumed its accustomed tranquillity, and the typist laughed.

WALTER'S REVENGE.

Six-year-old Walter Legros, of Compiegne, France, in revenge for chastisement inflicted on him in school, mixed gunpowder with his teacher's tobacco. The resulting explosion partially blinded the teacher.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HOME CRICKET.

LONDON, June 18.
Middlesex beat Warwickshire at Lords by an innings and 91 runs.
At Nottingham, Lancashire and Nottingham draw.
Kent beat Essex by 120 runs at Tonbridge.
Yorkshire beat Worcestershire by 213 runs at Huddersfield.
Sussex beat Cambridge University by 7 wickets at Brighton.
Surrey beat Hampshire by five runs at Southampton.

MINISTERS AND MARCONI SHARES.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

LONDON, June 18.
The Cabinet considered the procedure to be adopted in the Marconi debate, after which Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that he did not propose to put down a Government motion regarding the Marconi Report.
It is presumed in the Lobby that the Government will either meet the Opposition with a direct negative or support some resolution from a member of the Liberal back benches.
It is reported, however, that there may be no division, after the explanations of Sir Rufus Isaacs and Mr. Lloyd George.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CEYLON.

APPOINTMENT OF SIR ROBERT CHALMERS.

LONDON, June 18.
Sir Robert Chalmers, K.C.B., has been appointed Governor of Ceylon.

(NOTE: Sir Robert Chalmers has been Permanent Secretary to the Treasury since 1911. He was Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, 1907-11, and is the author of a "History of Currency in the British Colonies."—Ed., C. M.)

OBITUARY.

CANON BARNETT.

LONDON, June 18.
The death is announced of the Rev. Samuel Augustus Barnett, Canon of Westminster since 1906.

THE SUFFRAGETTE CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

SEVERAL "MILITANTS" SENTENCED.

LONDON, June 18.
The Suffragette Conspiracy trial at the Old Bailey has been concluded, and the women have been sentenced, as follows:—Miss Kerr, 12 months; Misses Jane and Lennox, six months; Miss Jarratt, nine months; Miss Sanders, 15 months; Miss Annie Kenney, 15 months. The chemist, Clayton, was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment. All the prisoners will be confined in the third division, and each will have to pay a seventh of the costs of the prosecution.

THE WHEELER CASE.

BEING CAREFULLY WATCHED.

LONDON, June 18.
In reply to Sir Mark Sykes, in reference to the recent case in which W. A. Wheeler, of Messrs. Genz, Wheeler, & Co., of Leicester, was sentenced in Japan to four years' imprisonment on a charge of obtaining £10,000 by selling obsolete knitting machines above their value in Japan, Sir Edward Grey said:—As the case, which is one of considerable difficulty, is subject to appeal, I would rather not express an opinion on the judgment at present. It will, however, be carefully watched.

WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY IN TURKEY.

LEADING MEN ARRESTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 18.
The Police state that they have unearthed a widespread conspiracy to overthrow the Government by assassinations. Many leading men have been arrested, also the thirty men who had been appointed to murder Shekret Pasha, Talaat Bey, Djemal Bey, and Aszmi Bey, all of whom are Young Turk leaders in the Cabinet.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SUFFRAGETTE LEADER.

LONDON, June 18.
Mrs. Pankhurst's condition is stated to be serious.

HOME RACING.

HAST CUP PROBABLES BUD JOCKEYS.

LONDON, June 18.
The probabilities for the Hunt Cup are: Long Set, (Higgs) Maiden Erlegh (Mather), Adam Bede (Foy), Eton Boy (Jellies), Bachelor's Hope (Donoghue), Jaeger (Wal. Griggs), Cigar (Marti), Bonbon Ross (Sherace), Jingle (Geordie (Wheatley), Fairy King (W. Huxley), Castleton (Greengrass), Tuxedo (Whalley), Outram (Robbins), Oliver Goldsmith (Bullock), Khedive (R. Stokes), Cuthbert (Buckley), High Rock (E. Huxley), Diadumenos (Proul).
Sleipner, Melody, Matelot, Shanbillymore, Sobieski, and Cullen Castle have no jockeys, so far.

LATER.

Maiden Erlegh is favourite at 5 to 1.

THE RESULT.

Result:—
Long Set 1
Suntair 2
Brixstead 3
Notting:—100 to 7 Long Set; 50 to 1 Suntair and Brixstead. Twenty-nine ran.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

SECOND READING PASSED.

LONDON, June 18.
The Welsh Disestablishment Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons by 357 votes to 253.

THE BALKAN NEGOTIATIONS.

COMING TO TERMS.

LONDON, June 18.
Bulgaria has consented to the Serbian proposal to demobilise the troops on the frontier to one fourth, but stipulates that the disputed territory in Macedonia be occupied by the Serbian and Bulgarian troops in equal numbers until the Tsar has delivered the arbitral award.

Serbia, Greece, and Montenegro have accepted Russia's invitation of a meeting of the Premiers of the Allies at St. Petersburg.

A telegram from Belgrade states that the King has refused to accept the resignation of M. Pasic, and consequently the latter continues his policy.

SERBIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

The following telegram, which apparently reached London on the 16th inst., was unavoidably delayed in transmission:—A telegram from Belgrade states that Cabinet have resigned, as they desire to avoid the responsibility of accepting the Tsar's Arbitration in the dispute.

The resignation of the Belgrade Cabinet has not yet been accepted, and efforts are being made to induce them to remain in office.

THE DERBY SENSATION.

A CHANCERY DIVISION APPLICATION.

LONDON, June 18.
It is understood that an application will be made to Mr. Justice Eve in the Chancery Division on Friday that Messrs. Wetherby and the owners of horses placed after the objection to Cranganor be restrained from parting with or receiving any part of the Derby Stakes.

THE ULSTER SCORE.

MORE RIFLES AND BAYONETS.

LONDON, June 18.
The Irish police have seized four large cases of rifles and bayonets arriving by steamer at Drogheda.

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FRENCH IMPORT CONCESSION.

FAR EASTERN SILK FREE.

LONDON, June 18.
A telegram from Paris states that the Customs Committee of the Chamber has agreed to a Bill extending the concession of a temporary free import to France of certain commodities, to cover pure silk goods from the Far East intended for embroidery.

EARTHQUAKE IN BULGARIA.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, June 18.
A severe earthquake has occurred in Bulgaria, and a great deal of damage has been done, especially at Tirnova, where hospitals, churches, schools and barracks were wrecked. Twenty-one persons were killed in the town, and 127 killed and injured have been extricated from the ruins. At Teorunovitz, which also suffered severely, 27 bodies have been recovered.

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY'S NEW COMMANDER.

LONDON, June 18.
The Commonwealth Government has appointed Rear-Admiral Patey to the command of the Australian Fleet.

(Wah Te. Lat Po's Service.)

GOVERNOR OF CANTON.

PEKING, June 19.
"Wu Hun Min, Governor of Canton, has telegraphed that he is preparing to hand over his office, but he declines to accept the position of Commissioner for Tibet."

CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND OPIUM.

PEKING, June 19.
The Central Government has requested the British Government to send back to India or any other ports out of China all the opium at present stocked in the Treaty Ports. The Government are prepared to pay all expenses in connection with the transshipment.

DR. WU TING FANG.

PEKING, June 19.
Dr. Wu has telegraphed to Shanghai resigning his membership in various Societies, on the ground that he will no longer be resident in Shanghai.

THE SALT GABELLE.

PEKING, June 19.
Leung Shu Yee has requested that \$5,000,000 be set aside for the establishment of a bank to control the salt business.

Y.R.C. AQUATIC FETE.

Numerous entries have been received for the night-fete aquatic sports which will be held on Saturday night at the Victoria Recreation Club, commencing at 9.15 p.m. The Bath House sub-committee, of which Mr. H. C. Sayer is Chairman, is sparing no pains to make the fete a success, and it is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance. The string band of the D.C.C.L., has been engaged, and the programme is a most attractive one. Members will be admitted free, and for non-members a nominal entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged. The events include a 2 lengths handicap; 3 lengths handicap; pillow fight in tubs; diving from spring board; ladies' nomination; team race; and a water polo match. Special seating accommodation has been arranged for 400 people, and a splendid evening's entertainment is promised to those who attend.

THE SENIOR COMMISSIONER.

Mr. H. F. Merrill, Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, has been granted two years' leave, and leaves for home at the end of the month. Mr. Merrill, who is senior Commissioner on the active list of the Chinese Customs, has been in the service for thirty-nine years, for twenty-six of which he has been Commissioner. Mr. Merrill's successor, Mr. Uihlein, is one of the most senior Commissioners in the service. He has just returned from leave, his last post having been Chief.

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THE CIRCUS.

A Wrestling Match.

With another change of programme, the second since it opened at Causeway Bay, the Circus and Hippodrome continues to attract large audiences. There is always a good sprinkling of Europeans at the performances, but among the Chinese interest is particularly keen, many having come from places as far distant as Canton and Hongkong to see the performances.

A special feature was introduced last evening it taking the form of a wrestling match between J. Obbard of the a.s. Tjilwong, and Brock Horst, a local man, for a purse of \$100. The match was the best of one fall, and was of short duration, Horst putting his opponent down in 2 minutes 25 seconds. The rest of the programme consisted of graceful acrobatic feats, clever trick cycling balancing and gymnastics, graceful costume dances, and performances with the circus animals—lions, trick horses, monkeys and elephants. The circus band plays each evening during the performances.

To-morrow opening a complimentary benefit will be tendered to Col. Bob Love, the popular veteran, and it is anticipated that a large audience will patronize the show for the occasion. A good deal of local talent will lead interest to the programme.

On Monday evening Mr. Byssack will present a handsome trophy to the winner of the 100 yards swimming handicap to be held at the V.R.C. on Saturday evening.

The Hippodrome leaves about the end of the month for Canton.

LOSS OF A JAPANESE STEAMER.

The Japanese steamer Tomoyo-maru, 2,581 tons, which left Moji at nine o'clock on Monday morning, the 2nd instant, for Chimuipo, Korea, struck a sunken reef off Jorosa Island, 16 miles south-east of Port Hamilton, at two o'clock on Tuesday morning, (says the "Japan Gazette" of 7th inst.) during a dense fog, sustaining damage to her hull, and made water rapidly. The efforts made by the crew to save the steamer were of little avail. By eight o'clock the steamer had a list of 35 degrees. The Korean mail steamer Kashima-maru, the O.S.K. steamer Daichi-maru, and the Himeka-maru, seeing that the Tomoyo-maru was in distress, came to her assistance, but, as the seas were running very high, they could not get alongside. They managed, however, to send boats to take off the crew, thirty in number, including the Captain, and landed them at Port Hamilton at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning. The steamer went down shortly after four o'clock in the afternoon.

The spot where the steamer sank is well-known for the rapid currents which prevail there, and as the depth of water ranges from 17 and 40 fathoms, the refloating of the steamer is considered utterly hopeless. Some years ago the steamer Tetsu-maru met a similar fate, at this spot. The Tomoyo-maru, which was owned by Mr. Takamura Seishichiro, of Kobe, is the Japan Chronicle's understanding, insured for ¥1,000,000 with the Kobe Marine Insurance Company. She had no passengers on board, and was in ballast. Boats were sent from Wakabayashi and Chimuipo to the assistance of the crew.

WILL OF CAPTAIN SCOTT.

The will has now been proved in London of Captain Robert Falcon Scott, R.N., who, in the words of the grant, "died on March 29, 1912, in the Antarctic regions." His estate is valued for probate at £2,231 gross, "as far as at present can be ascertained," and it is stated that there are no deductions from this amount in estimating the net value of the personal estate.

His widow, Lady Scott, of 174, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., is the acting executrix.

The will was dated in London on July 15, 1910 (the day before Captain Scott's departure from England on his last Antarctic expedition). He left all his securities deposited with Messrs. Woodhead, of 44, Charing Cross, on trust for his mother, Mrs. Hannah Scott, for life, with remainder to his wife, and he left all other property to his wife absolutely.

ADMIRAL'S SPRINT.

Sir P. K. Arbutnot was returning to town from Portsmouth when, after leaving Esher, he ran into the trap on Dinton Marsh. While the three policemen were taking down particulars (says the "Motor Cycle") he remarked to the one nearest to him, "You must admit I had a fair wind, 'Bobby.' Yes, sir," replied the plain clothes man, "and a fair tide, too," it seems.

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